

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETING
GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Gary Redevelopment Commission met in a regular session in a virtual meeting in its offices at 504 Broadway, Suite 200, Gary, Indiana on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

PRESENT:

Commissioners: George A. Rogge, President, Adam Hall, Vice-President, Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary, Jeremiah King, Member, and Sharon Chambers Representative of School Board Corp.: Glenn I. Johnson

ALSO PRESENT:

AJ Bytnar, Director, Steven Jenkins, Esq., Commission Attorney, Deb Backhus, Staff, and Jeraldine Williams, Staff, Sheleita Miller, Gatekeeper Accounting, and Janie Marcinkowski

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:06 P. M.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Rogge, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Sims, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Chambers were present. Mr. Johnson, Representative of School Board Corp. was present.

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA for January 5, 2022: Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers second. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

ELECTION of Commission Officers for the Year 2022 (President, Vice-President, and Secretary): Commissioner Rogge said he relinquished the meeting over to Atty. Jenkins as the administrator for the election of Commission Officers for the year 2022.

VACATE POSITIONS of Commission Officers (President, Vice-President, and Secretary): Atty. Jenkins ask for a motion to vacate Commission Officers. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Rogge seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

ELECT POSITIONS of Commission Officers for the Year 2022. (President, Vice-President, and Secretary): Atty. Jenkins said nominations were open for the year 2022. Atty. Jenkins asked for a motion for President: Commissioner Sims moved to close the nominations and to elect Commissioner Rogge as President. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

**Ayes – Commissioner Sims
Commissioner Chambers
Commissioner Hall
Commissioner Rogge**

Abstains – Commissioner King

Nays - None

The motion was carried to close the nomination and to elect Commissioner Rogge as President.

Atty. Jenkins asked for a motion for Vice-President: Commissioner King moved to close the nominations and to elect Commissioner Hall as Vice-President. Commissioner Rogge seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried to close the nomination and to elect Commissioner Hall as Vice-President.

Atty. Jenkins asked for a motion for Secretary. Commissioner Hall moved to close the nominations and to elect Commissioner Sims as Secretary. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried to close the nomination and to elect Commissioner Sims as Secretary.

Atty. Jenkins said the Elected Officers for the 2022 are as follows: George A. Rogge as President, Adam Hall as Vice-President, and Gwendolyn F. Sims as Secretary. Atty. Jenkins said he relinquished his position as administrator and turned the meeting over to Commission President Rogge. Commissioner Rogge thanked Atty. Jenkins for his role as administrator for the election of Commission Officers for the year 2022.

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD of Executive Session, held January 5, 2022: Commissioner Rogge read into the record, “Statement of Executive Session. I hereby certify that nothing has been discussed in the Executive Session held immediately before this open meeting except those items specified and listed in the Notice”. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2021: Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

CLAIMS LIST of January 5, 2022. (Previously approved by the Director): Mr. Bytnar said there are no changes to the Claims List.

101- General Fund: \$26,188.17

229-Unsafe Building Fund: \$4,695.74

518- Demolition Fund: \$27,745.00

Mr. Bytnar recommended to approve the Claims List in the grand total amount of \$58,628.91. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

SPECIAL CLAIMS LIST of January 5, 2022. (Previously approved by the Director): Mr. Bytnar said there are no changes to the Special Claims List.

823 Consolidated Area TIF: 46,554.21

826-Lakefront TIF: \$33,457.77

Mr. Bytnar recommended to approve the Special Claims List in the grand total amount of \$80,011.98. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7248, a resolution of the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission authorizing a reduction in the notice required to extend the lease under the current baseball stadium agreement at the RailCats' Baseball Stadium to February 18, 2022: Mr. Bytnar recommended to approve the item in order to have more time to negotiate and finalize the lease. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bytnar had none.

Discussion: Executive Director's Report: Mr. Bytnar had none. Mr. Bytnar reminded the Board that after today's meeting the Board will meet every 3rd Wednesday of each month and the times will stay the same with the Execution Sessions at 3:00 p. m. and the Regular Meetings at 4:00 p. m., unless otherwise notified.

PUBLIC Comment(s) on agenda items only: Ms. Janie Marcinkowski asked a question regarding 415-25 Lake Street for Mr. Tony Glenn. Atty. Jenkins said he would contact her.

COMMISSIONERS' Comments: Commissioner Hall wished everyone a Happy New Year and to Stay Safe. Commissioner Sims wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated the new officers for the year 2022 and she looked

forward to working with the Board this year. Commissioner King had no comment. Commissioner Chambers had no comment. Commissioner Rogge thanked everyone in their confidence in him and wished the best for 2022.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE’S Comments: Mr. Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year. Also, he said school had started, but had to be closed due to COVID-19 raise so the children are doing virtual learning until the numbers go down. He encouraged everyone to get tested, vaccinated and boosted so that the children can have in person learning. He congratulated the officers that were elected for the year 2022.

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Mr. Bytnar said he had none.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:24 P. M.

By: _____
George A. Rogge, President

By: _____
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary